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Dear Eve,

Before getting into the morning's work a hasty note to update you and Len on the McDonald game.

When the deal on which I worked in New York didn't go through there was one signed with something I'd never heard of called Zabra Press, in San Francisco whose representative in dealings with the National Enquirer was named Zacharias.

He was actually to have gotten $25,000 for serial use in the Enquirer!

I expect to hear further on this Monday but the indications now are that this deal will not go through. Len will understand why.

Once they had questions to ask McDonald he did not return calls so they were dealing with Starr. They had good questions to ask.

As I understand it Starr tried to lean on them by saying the National Star was ready to go ahead with the story/book.

There has been a suggestion that the Zebra deal hinged on ancillary publication rights being sold. I don't know.

Meanwhile, several weeks ago there was a burst of attention to announcements in the name of Security Associates International in Houston and Dallas that fit this book closely enough: it had been investigating and would issue a report in about four months proving LHO did not kill JFK but government people were involved in the killing.

Maybe the name will interest Len. (I never asked Len how to reach him. He was to have phoned me this week after getting back from Maine.)

This outfit is supposed to be based in Puerto Rico. It claims offices in Houston and Dallas. Its representatives have made broadcasts in both places. They received enough attention for the first news to have reached me from the west coast.

I've not made any Dallas check yet but in Houston their phone is said to be unlisted. Address 400 N. Durham St. The man who arranged the Houston broadcast gave his name as Pepper Crowder. He said he works for a David Salmon.

I'm trying to get tapes of the broadcasts. And I'll be looking into the Dallas part more.

For as worthless - really bad - a book as this there is much pressure and persistence behind it. Somebody is spending money.

I mean bad aside from the hurt to the innocent. It is bad by all normal standards.

May I suggest that when you get this you let Len know that a name so close to the business name he had is being used in this caper? If he decide~~d~~s to look into it I'd like to know whatever he learns because it appears that this operation is not going to die a natural death easily.

Our best,